COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR RE-DUCING THE PATHOGEN CONTENT OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

Abstract

Compositions and methods useful for reducing or eliminating the presence of pathogens in meat and meat products are disclosed. Administration of one or more lactic acid producing microorganisms to a live animal, to a carcass, to meat, to meat products, or in animal feed results in significant reductions in the amount of pathogens potentially harmful to humans when ingested. Synergistic effects can be achieved with the administration of multiple strains of microorganisms.